

ARMORY TALK AND WORK.

INSTRUCTION FOR STATE TROOPS.

ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT IN MARKSMANSHIP.

The 24 Battery has begun its work for the season earnest. There are four drills every week, the four battlements taking turns in the command. Strict attention is given to the lessons in the school of the soldier and the men are progressed as rapidly as possible.

The Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, the pastor of the West Presbyterian Church in Forty-second-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves., is to be the chaplain of the 7th Regiment succeeding the Rev. Dr. S. H. Weston, who for many years and up to the time of his death held that position. Dr. Paxton was a soldier before he became a clergyman. He enlisted as a private in a Pennsylvania regiment and served gallantly during the war, being promoted on the field of Gettysburg. He held the commission of captain at the close of his war-service.

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Lieutenant O. L. Rogers of the 24 Battery wore his uniform for the first time last Wednesday evening. He presented a soldierly appearance.

Captain James C. Abrams of Company G, 7th Regiment, in orders calls special attention to the valuable services rendered by Corporal R. M. Dean and Privates C. A. Jones and J. N. Mansen on the regimental team of 1887 and expresses his appreciation of their work. The men of the company are actively engaged in rifle practice. No member of the company is exempt from this duty.

A military ball for the benefit of the widows and orphans fund of the Veteran Zouave Association will be given at Weinholt's Assembly Rooms in West Forty-fourth-st. on Monday evening, November 28. Before the dancing begins there will be a sham fight on a small scale in which Company H of the 22d Regiment will take part.

Company G, 7th Regiment, will have a company dinner before Christmas. The committee charged with making the arrangements consists of First Sergeant Specian, Sergeant Reynolds and Corporal J. W. B. Rockwell.

Captain Wright D. Goss, of Company K, 71st Regiment, has appointed the following committee on entertainment: Second Lieutenant Deeks, chairman; Quartermaster-sargent Hobart, Corporal Burke and Privates Brady and Edgar.

The reception to Colonel Clark at the 7th Regiment Armory is now set down for next Saturday evening. The army will doubtless be crowded with friends anxious to welcome the Colonel home. The dinner to be given in honor of the Colonel, by the officers of the regiment will take place at Pinard's, in Fifteenth-st., on Saturday evening, November 26. The annual reception and ball of the 22d Regiment will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Dec. 10.

Great preparation is in progress for the amateur military athletic games and reception to be given at the armory of the 12th Regiment, Ninth-ave. and Sixty-second-st., under the auspices of the 12th Regiment Athletic Association, on Saturday, Nov. 19. The floating handspars are open to all amateurs. A 600-yard dash, a half-mile run, a 100-yard race, a 220-yard hurdle race, a 1,000-yard run, a one-mile walk and a tug-of-war. In the last contest teams of four men each from my company or regiment in the National Guard or any amateur club will be permitted to compete. The weight is limited to 155 pounds.

Open to all members of the 12th Regiment are 600-yard run, the potato race and the obstacle race. The latter is open to teams of four men each from any company in the regiment. The team whose aggregate time is the fastest will win a special prize. Hansons solid gold and silver medals will be presented to the first and second in each competition, except in the tug-of-war, the referees were afraid to bring the "mugger" into the question.

A COSTLY CHURCH IN THE SUBURBS.

FLOATING A FLAG OF ITS OWN—MAMARONECK.

PROUD OF ITS BEAUTIFUL EDifice.

One of the most costly and elaborate churches of its size in the United States is St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at Mamaroneck and it is believed to be the only one which flies a distinctive church flag. The church was erected to the memory of Henrietta Constable who endowed it, and the monogram of whose initials stands conspicuously on the upper side of a large cross inscribed in the middle of the church floor. It was consecrated in June 1887. The building is forty by one hundred feet on the outside, and with the parsonage and a tomb building, which is being erected on the church grounds, the revenues of which go to the church, cost about half a million of dollars.

The church is built of brown-stone and the other buildings are built of brick with brown-stone trimmings. At one corner is a tower ninety feet in height, made after a Scotch plan of the sixteenth century and having a spiral stone staircase inside leading to the top. In the tower is a clock with a dial twelve feet in diameter which cost \$2,000, also a chime of ten bells, given by Mr. Hicks Arnold, which cost \$900. On the tower is a rooster for a weather vane, supposed to call to mind the name of Christ. The floor of the church is laid after a special design, with mosaic tiles and four foot squares around the baptismal font made of alabaster. The pulpit and chancel are beautifully carved of French Pierre de Taille and behind the pulpit is a carving of the Lord's Supper made of the same stone.

A contract to supply the trees was awarded by the Department of Public Works. Nearly a thousand red maples will be planted between Seventy-second and One-hundred-and-tenth-st., in a double row on the sidewalks. The contractor is required to make suitable excavations thirty feet apart for the saplings to provide the proper fertilizing material and see that the trees are properly selected. An Inspector of the work was appointed after an examination by the Civil Service Board.

One of the property owners said yesterday that the fault in the work was due to the fact that it was being done by the Street Department, which is not supposed to know anything of tree planting, and not of the Park Department, which has such work under its care.

"The result," continued the speaker, "is that the trees have been placed entirely too near each other in the thrice. They should have been set out at least fifty feet apart instead of thirty, and one row should have been planted along the sidewalk, the fact that the trees are now planted close together is to blame." Many of the property owners have set out trees of their own, and are now doing well. It is reported that these will have to come down. They cost the individual owners who set them out about \$50 apiece, while the

city is paying by this contract \$10 for each tree, which seems thoroughly extravagant."

Mr. Dean said in reference to the trees that our contractor has agreed to remove them to the lowest of several banks. The cost included that of digging and planting, of placing a neat tree box around each and of caring for all one year. It was desired he said, to have the row of trees uniform, and why property owners ordered trees already planted would not be removed.

NEWPORT PREPARING FOR WINTER.

SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL THERE.

HOW A FEW PROMINENT SUMMER RESIDENTS WILL PASS THE WINTER.

NEWPORT, Nov. 12.—Winter is setting in, but still many prominent cotagers linger, and a four-in-hand may almost daily be seen in the streets. At least 100 well-known summer residents are at their estates, where they propose to remain until the later part of the present month.

Active preparations are already being made for the season of 1888. New and handsome summer homes are being erected for well-known New Yorkers, including F. W. Vanderbilt, J. H. Glover, Mrs. N. H. Pond, J. W. Anchorage, G. G. King and others. Morton Park the field of Levi P. Morton, and the streets are to be put in thorough order, and the sewer system is to be completed at an expense of about \$100,000. The winter colony of cotagers promises to be unusually large and already plans are being prepared for an interesting series of entertainments after the snow begins to fall.

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